

Corzine Taps Doria for DCA

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TRENTON -- Democratic state Sen. Joseph Doria was nominated by the governor Friday as the new Department of Community Affairs commissioner, a post overseeing state aid to towns, fire safety, affordable housing, development and women's rights issues.

"Joe Doria has a wealth of experience in government at the state and local level," Governor Corzine said.

Doria is also the Bayonne mayor. He will resign both offices and plans to begin work at DCA on Oct. 9, pending Senate confirmation.

"As a mayor and legislator, I know firsthand about the impact the Department of Community Affairs can have on people's lives," Doria said.

Doria has made about \$121,000 per year as senator and mayor. He would get \$141,000 per year if confirmed as DCA commissioner.

Doria, 61, has been a senator since 2004. He served in the Assembly from 1980 to 2004. He has been Bayonne's mayor since 1998.

Doria replaces Susan Bass Levin, who on July 1 took a \$250,000-per-year job as deputy director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.